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1. On 19 June 1953, 25 T-43 tanks [redacted] were posted at important crossings and buildings in the town of Meissen. They had arrived from the direction of Grossenhain.<sup>1</sup>
2. At 9:30 a.m. on 5 July, a troop train of 22 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 2 flatcars carrying sections of prefabricated houses and boards passed through Radetoul, proceeding toward Meissen.
3. On 6 July, 9 armored personnel carriers mounting machine guns took position at the Hellerberg (hill) in the Heller training area near Dresden. The vehicles carried about 160 troops armed with submachine guns and 7 light machine guns. Upon a white light signal the troops dismounted and deployed in a fan-like manner, advancing toward Hellerschenke (inn) in a simulated attack of about 600 to 800 meters width. During the attack, messengers frequently went to a jeep, presumably occupied by the commanding officer. Combat activity and noise was simulated by blank cartridges. Upon a flag signal, the armored personnel carriers followed the troops who mounted the vehicles. After about 300 meters, the troops again dismounted and continued the practice. This procedure was repeated three times. After the exercise, the armored personnel carriers returned to the SS Kaserne Wilder Mann.<sup>2</sup>
4. On 9 July, 31 trucks, including some with trailers, and loaded with a total of 15 small pontoons and bridge building equipment; 7 trucks with bridge building equipment, tents and various tools; 6 motorboats, 3 radio trucks, 4 large field kitchens, billeting equipment and straw were entrained at the Dresden-Neustadt railroad station, coming from the Nachrichten Kaserne in Gebigau. A railroadman stated that the shipment left toward Leipzig.<sup>3</sup>

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1. Comment. The tanks employed in Meissen during the rebellion belonged to the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div. The approach of these tanks via Grossenhain cannot be accounted for as the shortest road between the Koenigstrueck troop training grounds, where the regiment had been stationed for training since late April, and Meissen leads via Redsberg. As same source, reported that the barracks installation in Meissen-Zaschendorf was occupied only by rear details

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- 25X1A after 25 June, it can be assumed that the tanks were stationed in the town only for a few days. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The exercise may have involved troops and armored personnel carriers of the motorcycle battalion believed stationed in the SS Kaserne Wilder Mann. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] engineer equipment from the barracks installation in Dresden-Untergau had been entrained in Dresden as early as 7 July. [REDACTED] The units apparently followed on 9 July. The observation that the shipment left toward Leipzig tends to indicate that the shipment went to the area of Muehlberg on the Elbe River via Riesa.

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